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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

Due to circumstances caused by the recent weather, the Staff Re-Call scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2007 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Hopefully everyone who had intended to come to the first Re-Call will attend this time around. For everyone's information, the east side of the chapel will be reserved for staff seating. The east side is the left side as you face the stage. The rest of the chapel will be made available to the residents who would like to attend. Hopefully rescheduling this event will allow more staff and residents the opportunity to attend. I hope to see everyone there.

PREF TOASTMASTERS URBAN UNITY GAVEL CLUB

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

The PREF Toastmasters Urban Unity Gavel Club met on the evening of February 19, 2007.

For those of you that don't know, the PREF Toastmasters Urban Unity Gavel Club is a group of individuals who gather weekly for the purpose of bettering their communication and leadership skills, whether it be for the purpose of speaking in front a group, in

daily life, or to gather better writing skills.

To give an idea as to what goes on at a Toastmasters Club meeting, allow me to share with you a few of the happenings of this evening. There were a couple of individuals who gave speeches, Mr. Alex Farrior who gave a prolific speech on the history of the American flag, and Mr. Cornelius Hill, who gave a speech discussing PREF and the re-entry process. Mr. Hill executed an excellent measure of understanding on the topic. These gentlemen were given constructive criticism on how to improve their speaking skills, from what they said and how they said it, to where and how they stood. The men were given a specific amount of time to deliver their speeches, and at the end were judged on whether or not they finished before or after the given time. Those who criticized and judged the speaker were the audience, including myself. To my surprise, I was called upon to speak. I did and was treated just the same as any other person that had been a member of the club since its inception. My speaking skills were judged and constructively criticized just like the others were.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself at this meeting. Until I attended, I had never heard of the Toastmasters Club, as I'm sure some of you have not. I so thoroughly enjoyed myself that I not only inquired about when the next meeting would be, but I also inquired

about how to become a member. Ms. Diane Murer, whom is the outside volunteer that sponsors the club, said that the way to become a member is to continue coming every week. That I will do, not only to cover the meeting as a reporter for The PREF Propeller, but as a member.

I can't say enough about what a good time I had at this meeting and how much I learned about how to communicate. I am truly excited about attending the next meeting.

If anyone is interested in attending a PREF Toastmasters Urban Unity Gavel Club meeting and/or becoming a member, meetings are on Mondays beginning at 6:15 p.m. and ending at 7:15 p.m. in the education building. Come join the fun and learn something at the same time.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By: Dalton Haney, PIO



Mr. Rogers, Re-Entry Recreation Specialist

Many of you are familiar with Mr. Rogers. Some of you have worked in the same dorm as him and others may have had him as your Re-Entry Specialist. Mr. Rogers' role at PREF has recently

changed, and that is why he is under our "Staff Spotlight".

Mr. Rogers earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology with a minor in Studio Art from Indiana State University in 1984. In 1988 Mr. Rogers earned his Elementary Teaching Certification from the University of Texas and in 1995 earned his Elementary Teaching License from IUPUI.

Mr. Rogers is a fifteen (15) year veteran of corrections and began his career at Plainfield Correctional Facility (PCF-IYC). Mr. Rogers has over five years of experience in recreation and recently helped open PREF in December of 2005 as a Re-Entry Specialist III.

Mr. Rogers is now transitioning into PREF's recreation specialist. Mr. Rogers will now oversee the movie program at PREF and will hold weekly tournaments in areas such as art, poetry and athletic competitions. Mr. Rogers will also be developing programming for the Short-Term Units Daniels and Donahue. Please help welcome Mr. Rogers to his new role here at PREF.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

This weeks Black History Month article features Mr. Lloyd Richards, the theater director and educator who was often described as "the most important African-American on Broadway" and directed the award-winning play, *A Raisin In The Sun*. Production principals for *A Raisin In The Sun* included Phillip Rose (producer), Lorraine Hansberry (playwright), David Cogan (producer) and Sidney Poitier, who portrayed the character of Walter Lee Younger. Richards, who worked at three major

theatrical institutions – the National Playwrights Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Center, as dean of the Yale School of Drama and as artistic director of the Yale Repertory Theatre – also helped to shape the careers of other playwrights, including August Wilson. Richards died on June 29; his 87th birthday.

LIKE CLOCKWORK

By: Michael Rupe, Tool Crib Coordinator

Resident Rusher completed work on the new clock case he built to replace the case destroyed by the “Great Flood of 2007” that struck the Superintendent’s office a few weeks ago.

Mr. Rusher completed the project with technical assistance from Mr. Wehrman – Building Trades and Mr. Noel – Woodshop. Mr. Noel and Mr. Wehrman also provided use of tools and space in their respective areas. Mr. Rupe, Tool Crib Coordinator, ‘overhauled’ the clock works and supplied stain and finish for the project. The clock was returned to Mr. Lloyd during a meeting in the Administration building on 2-21-07.



ART CONTEST

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

In honor of Black History Month, PREF is hosting an art contest. Any interested resident should begin work on an art project which reflects the importance and/or celebration of Black History. There are many talented artists here at PREF, and this is their time to shine. Show off your skills by creating and submitting your best work of art.

Art work will be judged and voted upon and prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st place- \$10.00

2nd place- \$6.00

3rd place- \$3.00

First place art work will go to Central Office for display and will then be given to visitors of the Black Expo. If you are interested, begin work now. The deadline for art work to be submitted is: Friday, March 9, 2007. If anyone has questions regarding the contest, see Mr. Rogers, Re-Entry Recreation Specialist.

JOB OPENINGS

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

Mr. Brodhacker, Supervisor of Education, currently has openings for the following resident positions:

Classroom Assistants-3

Classroom Tutors-4

Law Library Assistants-2

If any qualified residents are interested in these positions, they should contact Mr. Brodhacker in writing.

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be emailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of “PREF Propeller” or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, of Westendorf.